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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated November 23, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this response.

Support for the Amendments begin on page 6 of this response.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this response.

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